

MEAT PRICES HERE SHOOT SKY HIGH AS PACKERS WALLOW IN PROFITS; PUBLIC URGED TO FIGHT BACK

Officials
Here Admit
Price Rise
High as 50%

Consumers Leader Says
Public Needs 'Defense'
Against Profiteers

By Beth McHenry
The alarming, persistent rise in the price of meat was this week officially admitted by the Department of Markets whose weekly consumer bulletin revealed that the price of pork was 29 per cent higher than a year ago, that beef was up 23½ per cent, veal 16 per cent, and lamb 14½ per cent.

Keeping step with the profits of the "Big Four" meat corporations, the price of meat rose in some instances 50 per cent during 1940.

The Department of Market's comparative price list showed that loin of pork, for instance, which cost the housewife 16 cents a pound back in January, 1940, cost her 24 cents a pound in January, 1941.

The Daily Worker checked the figures of the Department of Markets with the price lists in meat markets and discovered that generally the price was a cent or two higher a pound than listed by the Department.

CONSUMERS PROTEST
This shocking onslaught by the big meat corporations against the health of the American people was termed a crime against "real national defense" yesterday by the Consumers Division of the American Peace Mobilization which urged the public to force Thurman Arnold of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice to investigate conditions in the meat industry which have led to this frantic price rise.

Mrs. Frances Watson, chairman of the Consumers Division of APM, in a statement yesterday said that "the American people need adequate food for defense against undernourishment and disease."

Mrs. Watson scored the greed of the big meat corporations to whom "patriotism" is so profitable. She cited the last available profit statistics which showed that the "Big Four" (Armour, Wilson, Swift and Cudahy) hoisted their "rewards" from \$1,560,000 in 1938 to \$33,960.

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Window Washer Saved After Narrow Escape

Abraham Drimmer, 57, a window cleaner, narrowly escaped death yesterday while working on windows of the Larson Importing Co. on the 12th floor of the Morton Building, 116 Nassau St.

It was the cries of Irene Soskin, clerk of the company, which brought help as Drimmer dangled in a precarious position from one good strap. His other one broke.

A great noon hour crowd watched from 160 feet below as Miss Soskin's brother, Murray, and Arthur Gordon, pulled Drimmer up with great difficulty.

A fire rescue company, emergency wagon and ambulance wagon arrived, but too late to be of any assistance.

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Cuban Communist Party Backs Batista's Action

Offers Cooperation in Welding Unity of People to Maintain Rights of People; Batista Restores Constitutional Guarantees

By Eugenio Soler
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 5.—Popular and democratic organizations, headed by the Union Revolutionary-Communist Party and the Cuban Confederation of Labor, have publicly declared their solidarity with the position of President Fulgencio Batista, it was announced today.

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The Union Revolutionary-Communist Party says in part: "We offer Batista our cooperation in obtaining the unity of all popular forces in support of the President of the Republic in his task of maintaining the principles of the Constitution, the rights of the people and national integrity."

Commenting on the situation, the progressive daily newspaper "Hoy" declares in its editorial, "A Victory for the People," that a treacherous plot has been crushed and that the Republic and the people have achieved a great victory, but warns that all obstacles have not been overcome. It declares that "in the hour of triumph it is more than ever necessary to maintain the vigil."

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Murray Hits War Bill, Backs 'Aid' to Britain

Cites Danger to Labor Laws Under Bill; Says Nation Demands Peace

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Philip Murray, President of the CIO, today criticized the lend-lease bill, but at the same time said that "the American nation" supports the policy of giving full aid to Great Britain.

In a statement submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Murray indicated his position on foreign policy and on aid to Great Britain for the first time since his election as president of the CIO.

He singled out for criticism the phrase in the bill "notwithstanding the provision of any other law," which would make it possible for the President to suspend all labor laws and the broad powers making it possible for the President to order the convoying of ships.

Murray said that the American people "have not received the benefit of such complete and full disclosure which would permit them to pass judgment upon (A) the justification for the requested legislation, or (B) the intended foreign policy of this nation which is

Draftees Won't Get Out in 1 Year, Rep. Walsh Hints

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 5.—At a hearing of the Joint Committee on Labor and Industries, held today at the State House to consider a number of bills dealing with protecting unemployment compensation benefits and job security for draftees, Rep. George T. Walsh of Lowell announced that "official" word would soon be received from Washington that Massachusetts men inducted into service for a year will have their time extended to 15 months.

Appearing in support of his particular bill to pay draftees the benefits they have earned immediately on induction, he said:

"I know—and you will soon be officially informed—that the men now in the service will stay in for at least 15 months. It is only right that the dependents of these boys get the money due them. A great many will be in the service longer than we expect."

This announcement and the real-

ization of the uncertain future of the draftees struck a sober note at the hearing. Out of a score of spokesmen including several Senators and Representatives in addition to speakers appearing on behalf of organizations, not a single individual or group dared appear in opposition to the proposals. The extent of the tremendous popular support aroused for the bills was evident when even the Governor, speaking through a personal representative at the hearing, urged specific modifications of the existing law to ensure unemployment benefits to the draftees on their return from service.

Organized labor was united at the hearing in expressing labor's determination to protect the civil rights of the conscripted men. Kenneth Taylor of the State Federation of Labor, James Durkin of the CIO, and Clive Knowles of Labor's Non-

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Kern Charges Probe Is Dodge Of Merit Rating

Says Witch-hunters Want to Put Incompetents on City Payroll

Assailing Emil K. Ellis, counsel for the Al Smith Jr. councilmanic committee, as a "completely irresponsible hypocrite," Civil Service Commission President Paul J. Kern, yesterday charged the council probe was attempting to put on the city payroll persons who had failed in civil service tests.

Kern attacked the report of the Smith Committee, submitted to the Council on Tuesday, which seeks funds to continue the witch hunt into affairs of municipal employees.

"This by itself," he said, "is not surprising, since all politicians operate for profit. It is shocking, however, that Mr. Ellis should expose himself again with this request as a completely irresponsible hypocrite, just as he has in other respects of the Council inquiry."

"He now asks an appropriation for his work. But for six months past he has been loudly proclaiming that he and his staff were volunteers."

Kern quoted from ten newspaper stories which mentioned Ellis declaring proudly his assistant investigators "serve without pay."

The Tammany bosses, he asserted, have not yet decided how much they are going to pay these "volunteers" but suggest \$25,000.

"It should be noted," Kern said, "that at least nine, and probably more, of these assistants are disappointed candidates for civil service jobs. If they are paid by the city, it will be the first time in history

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Norway Stormtroopers Battle in Streets

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 5 (UP)—Street fighting between civilians and Norwegian Stormtroopers at Alesund, north of Bergen, was reported tonight in dispatches from Oslo. A number of civilians were said to have been injured.

Firemen Escape

Ten firemen narrowly escaped injury when the roof of a garage at 5 Tues Ave., Jersey City, collapsed while they were fighting a fire yesterday morning. One fireman was overcome by smoke.

SPAIN RESCUE MISSION SIGNS CONTRACT FOR REFUGEE SHIP

RAF Blasts at Nazi Bases on French Coast

Nazi Planes Renew Drive on British Shipping, Claim 14,000 Tons

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP)—Scores of Royal Airforce bombers and fighters seizing the initiative in the air war, today blasted airfields, docks, barges and troop concentrations along the French channel coast.

The daylight sweep of Germany's invasion bases followed last night's widespread British raids extending from Dusseldorf, Germany, to Bordeaux, France, described as the biggest and most extensive of the past two weeks.

Last night's extensive attacks blasted German positions at a dozen strategic points, including the naval base at Brest, the submarine base at Bordeaux, the German industrial city of Dusseldorf, the great French port of Cherbourg, Calais, Dieppe, Dunkirk, Ostend and airfields at Vannes and other French bases of the Luftwaffe. In these attacks the British admitted losing four planes.

At Bordeaux an oil storage depot was believed set afire when bombs fell on one of the principal basins of the harbor.

For more than an hour the British bombers showered explosives on the great Mérignac airfield outside Bordeaux base for big Focke-Wulf four-engined bombers.

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Cherbourg was raided twice, the Air Ministry said, and "targets at the docks, including repair yards, were straddled by high explosives."

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Investigators Search through the charred ruins of the New Haven Quilt and Pad Company in New Haven, Conn., where 19 workers were burned to death and three other employees injured. A spark from machinery started the fire. The dead were trapped in the picking room. Coroner's assistants are about to remove one of the bodies. The plant was working on a 24-hour basis on defense orders.

10 Perish in New Haven Defense Plant

Workers Trapped By Flames in Burning Quilting Plant

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 5 (UP)—Fire which swept rapidly through loose cotton on the third floor of the New Haven Quilt and Pad Co. today killed 19 men trapped by walls of flame across the exits.

The plant was working on defense orders totaling \$2,000,000.

The fire and cotton fumes were so intense that other workers were driven from the building after a futile attempt to halt the blaze.

"We stood outside for about 20 minutes before we realized that some of the men were still in the building," foreman Isadore Donner said.

All the men were working in one department. A spark from a carding machine, used to fluff cotton as it is removed from bales, ignited a pile of loose cotton. Nearby bales were up quickly.

"Right after the cotton caught fire flame shot across the doorway," Donner related. He said he and 10 other workers fought the fire with hand extinguishers while they were forced to run for their lives.

"Through it," he said, "we didn't hear any screams or noise to indicate that some of the men had been trapped or overcome." He and the others stood outside.

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Dodd Demands Public Hearing On N.Y. Budget

Hits Lehman's Proposal to Slash Social Services Under 'Defense' Cloak

By S. W. Gerson
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ALBANY, Feb. 5.—Warning against slashing social services "under the spurious smoke screen of national defense," Dr. Bella V. Dodd, legislative representative of the Teachers Union, today demanded "a full and free discussion" of the Governor's \$385 million proposed budget.

Dr. Dodd urged legislative leaders to transfer the public hearing on the budget from the Assembly chamber, Feb. 12 to the local armory. Last year's hearing, attended by thousands and with scores of speakers, was held there.

The teachers' representative voiced the demand in an open letter to Abbot Low Moffat, chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman George L. Thompson of the Senate Finance Committee.

Dr. Dodd's letter follows:

"On behalf of the New York State Federation of Teachers' Unions, may we strongly urge that the public hearings on the budget be held at the Armory or a place large enough to accommodate all the citizens who are eager to at-

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S.S. Lovcen Will Sail for Morocco Feb. 26, Says Dr. Barsky

WILL CARRY 450
Mexican Gov't Ready to Receive Them Hidalgo Wires

By Art Shields

The American Rescue Ship Mission yesterday signed a contract for a ship to carry Spanish refugees from Casablanca, French Morocco to Vera Cruz, Mexico. Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the United American Spanish Aid Societies announced at a press conference last night that the S.S. Lovcen, of 3,500 tons displacement, had been provided by the Central American Navigation Co. of Panama for the trip.

The S. S. Lovcen is now lying at Pier 1, the municipal dock at the tip of Manhattan, said Dr. Barsky. It has a Lloyd's certificate of safety. Built in 1931, it was reconditioned in 1938. It returned from a West Indian passenger cruise last week.

The Rescue Ship will sail from New York about Feb. 26 or 27 for Casablanca to take aboard about 450 Spanish refugees.

MORE TRIPS EXPECTED
Options have been signed for two more trips, said Dr. Barsky.

"We hope the ship can make as many trips as possible," said the Spanish Aid Societies chairman. "We believe the American people will give the fullest support. We know the American people want to save the refugees from the misery and hopelessness of the Moroccan camp and send them to a land of hope in Mexico."

"What can be

APM Calls Giant American People's Meeting Here for Peace On April 5, 6--Anniversary of Wilson's 1917 Entry Into War

Call Says 'Men in High Places' Plot Involvement

Nationally Prominent Leaders Endorse Plan for Huge Meeting for Peace; Groundwork for Historic Event Well Under Way

The American Peace Mobilization called upon the people of the nation today to rally at a great American Peoples Meeting in New York April 5 and 6 the anniversary of Woodrow Wilson's declaration of war in 1917, to halt the drive in this country.

A nationwide response to the call for the conference, which was decided at the APM Working Conference for peace in Washington January 25 and 26 has already been registered.

Two hundred and twenty delegates from 53 cities in 27 states attended the Washington parley representing unions, youth, civic and progressive organizations.

The call for the April meeting charges that "men in high places are dragging us into war 3,000 miles away to line the pockets of the corporate interests." It urges "workers from mill and mine and factory, from office and railroad ship; upon the farmers; upon the unemployed; upon the Negro people, the youth, the aged and all, to meet in their unions and organizations and shops and mass meetings and churches to elect their representatives to an American People's Meeting in the City of New York on April 5 and 6, 1941, to take the steps to mobilize the people for Peace, Liberty and the Common Welfare."

Frederick V. Field, executive secretary of the APM issued the call. It has already been endorsed by Rev. John B. Thompson, APM chairman; Theodore Dreiser, APM vice-chairman; Rep. Vito Marcantonio; Jack McMichael, chairman of the American Youth Congress; Reid Robinson, president of the United Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers of America; and Katherine Terrell, Secretary of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational and Christian Churches. Charles Eggleton, Minnesota Farmers Union; Hugh De Lacy, Washington Commonwealth Federation; Herman Long, Southern Negro Youth Congress; George F. Murphy, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and many others.

TEXT OF CALL

The text of the call reads:

To All Friends of Peace and Liberty:

Fellow American—

We are in danger.

The tragic days of 1917 and an AEF are almost here again.

Our trade unions are under attack. The right to strike is being taken away.

Our farmers are being driven from their land; their products are selling below cost. We are paying more for food.

Our rents are being increased. Our wages are being held down. Unemployment continues and our relief is being cut.

Discrimination against our Negro people is increasing. Attacks against the Jewish people are being intensified. Our non-citizens have been finger-printed.

There are virtually no jobs for youth. Four million people are being placed under military law.

"Congress continues to deny the vote to ten million American citizens. Minority parties are being rapidly suppressed.

"We are being intimidated and spied upon. Our persons and papers are being seized without warrant.

Our Constitutional rights are being taken from us.

This is how democracy was blacked out in Germany and in France, how it is being blacked out in England and how it will be blacked out here unless labor and the people unite and act.

These things have happened to us because our statesmen and economic royalists are violating the will of the people. Men in high places are dragging us into war three thousand miles away.

"This is not a war to wipe out the evils of Hitlerism and tyranny. It is not a war to liberate the peoples of Germany or France, India or Ireland, Africa or Asia. It is not a war to defend democracy. It is a war to line the pockets of corporate interests at the expense of the peoples of the world.

The Tory bill 176 would enable these corporate interests to drag America more deeply into this war. It would give the President of the United States the power:

"To get us into total war against the will of the people."

"To substitute government by decree for constitutional government."

"To disregard any law or the books."

"To give away our ships, our planes, our guns, our vital resources to any foreign country."

"All out" aid to the British Empire or any other such warring empire means total war for the American people.

THE WAY OUT

"There is a way out. The drive toward fascist rule in America and total war can be stopped. Sovereignty belongs to

B'klyn Peace Rally to Be Held Tonight

APM Meeting to Hear Curran, Quill, Dodd, at Music Academy

The Brooklyn organizing committee, American Peace Mobilization, urged an overflow attendance for the mass rally in defense of trade union rights and peace to be held at the Academy of Music, tonight. Featured speakers at the rally include Joseph Curran, president of the New York Industrial Union Council and of the National Maritime Union; Michael J. Quill, president, Transport Workers Union; Bella R. Dodd, legislative representative, Local 3, Teachers Union, AFL.

The committee pointed to the "current drive against labor as part and parcel of the drive to involve our nation actively in the present war for colonies and empire" and said that the meeting tonight would mark the opening of a united campaign of all Brooklyn organizations against the passage of the War Involvement Bill, H. R. 1776.

THEATRE SKITS

Entertainment for the meeting will be provided by the American Youth Theatre in a series of skits from the new AYT Review.

A high point of the rally tonight will be the analysis by Dr. Dodd of the Rapp-Coudert Committee and its seizure of Teachers Union membership lists.

In addition to Curran, Quill and Dr. Dodd, speakers at tonight's meeting include: Joseph Dermody, district representative, District No. 4, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Irving Schnurman, president, District Council 9, Painters Union; Ewart Guinier, vice-president, N. Y. District, State, County and Municipal Workers; and C. H. Van Tyne, trade union director, American Peace Mobilization.

RAF Blasts at Nazi Bases on French Coast

Nazi Planes Renew Drive on British Shipping, Claim 14,000 Tons

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other parts of Britain tonight after daylight attacks which unoffical sources said cost the Nazis six planes, three of them bombers shot down at sea in an attack on a convoy off the southeast coast.

The capital's defense guns threw up a barrage early in the evening and motors were audible overhead. Other raiders were reported over east England.

NAZIS RENEW SHIP BOMBINGS

BERLIN, Feb. 5 (UPI)—German bombing planes in a renewed offensive against British shipping were reported today to have sunk or heavily damaged four vessels aggregating more than 14,000 tons.

At the same time the high command said a German sea raider had reported sinking 40,000 tons of enemy shipping overseas, bringing its total to 110,000 tons.

The official DNB news agency said German bombers carried out a daylight attack on a strongly protected British convoy near Ramsgate Wednesday. The sinking of a 3,000-ton freighter and severe damage to another of 6,000 or 7,000 tons were claimed.

Says Probers Want to Put Incompetents on City Payroll

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that men will receive paid city jobs for failing a civil service test."

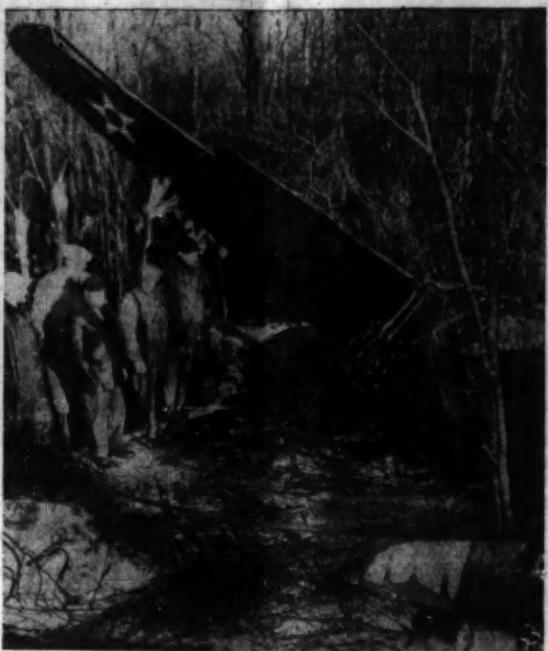
The assistant investigators were characterized in Kern's remarks as "clubhouse boys" on the "inside at the City Council."

"Now at the expiration of eight months," he continued, "during which time the Council has raked over every aspect of our work they have not yet uncovered a single case of fraud nor a single shred of improper domination."

"Civil service graft and corruption that were widespread under Tammany have been extinguished by this office. Racial and religious discrimination, openly practiced in the past, has been abolished. The Smith-Ellis mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse—but it is a dead mouse. Now they ask the taxpayers to fork over \$25,000 for their mummy."

"For a front man they hire Mr. Emil K. Ellis who spends his time from July to December telling the world about his high minded volunteer public service; and then spends the time from January to June begging city money to pay him lavishly for his volunteer service."

"The hypocrisy of Mr. Ellis is typical of the hypocrisy of the whole inquiry. It is Tammany's brand of shoddy and it will meet the fate it deserves."



Here is all that remains of one of the army's fastest pursuit ships after one wing snapped off plunging. Second Lieutenant Sherman E. Denny, of San Pedro, Calif., to his death at Northport, L. I.

British 'Democracy' Bans Daily Worker in S. Africa

From Johannesburg, South Africa, scene of the recent anti-war demonstrations, suppressed by gunfire of British troops, the Daily Worker has received the following letter.

[D]—patches, creeping through the tight censorship from the British colony, reported that more than 200 South Africans were sent to hospitals when police and troops attacked a "Republican anti-war organization, known as the Osseus Brandwag."

"Johannesburg, South Africa.

"We very much regret that we have to discontinue your paper because as I explained in my letter of Sept. 25, the paper is banned in this country and every bundle you have sent since that date has been stopped."

"As soon as normal times return, we shall renew."

"We are extremely sorry that our good business relations should have taken this bad turn, as we know that your paper is worthy of every support."

"PEOPLE'S BOOKSHOP."

Draftees Won't Get Out in 1 Year, Rep. Walsh Hints

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Partisan League, appeared on behalf of their organizations. Nathaniel Mills, Jr., of the Massachusetts Youth Council, spoke on behalf of the proposals and specifically for the Youth Congress Bill, H. 1126, to protect the jobs of draftees up to the date of their actual induction.

Ois Archer Hood, Chairman of the Communist Party of Massachusetts, spoke on the need for such legislation. He recommended to the committee that the best points of

the several bills introduced be incorporated in one bill and that the committee report it out favorably. This incorporated bill, he said, should include payment of a lump sum; payable on date of entry to the Youth Congress Bill, H. 1126, to the service rather than afterward; and to be received by the individual or his dependents at his own discretion.

He also spoke in favor of two bills proposed to guarantee jobs to draftees on their return but urged that the clause contained in both bills... unless the employers circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so" to qualify to give the employee legal assistance by the state to determine the validity of each case.

Senator George Stanton expressed his opposition to the war as follows:

"We do not know that these boys are going to return. We are on the threshold of war. There is no question about that. In my opinion we'll be in war before the year is over, even though we don't declare war. Wars are not declared these days, anyway. We'll just be in it."

BOUND DESTINIES

Long before Hitler came into power in 1933, the French reactionaries fostered the idea in France that Germany was "rearming" and might attack France any time. This helped Big Business to sell munitions to the government, and to hold back progressive reforms. "In order to carry out their designs," Simon goes on, "the reactionary parties were badly in need of the continual threat of a foreign aggressor." This meant that Hitler, or no Hitler, "the political destiny of the Right was bound up with the French powers."

He continues: "The majority of the Right was in an embarrassing situation: rejecting, on the one hand, any understanding with Soviet Russia, wanting, on the other hand, to remain true to its patriotic tradition, it escaped the problem by taking refuge in the fantastic illusion that European peace and French security were not endangered by Fascist Powers, but rather by Communists."

Slander of the Communists became their main activity, and even the most foolish story became believable, provided it was able to throw new light on the wickedness of Communists. Thus, on the basis of a charge against Communists, pictured as the only ones who wanted war, a system of mistreatments was built up, the elements of which need not be described, since they were identical with world-known themes of Nazi propaganda."

Those "world-known themes" were attacks on the Communist Party, on organized labor, on the Jews.

These were the main ideas of the Right. The Communists of France and the Jews of France were the main enemies of the Right, and in these things the French reactionaries felt themselves on Hitler's side. "A Frenchman who considered as his best friends the Fascist allies of Hitler," Simon points out, "could not help being irresponsible in his will to oppose Hitler. A Frenchman whose greatest hatred was that

the Greeks now have taken about 20,000 Italian prisoners since the start of the war on Oct. 26.

(The Greek radio, heard in Budapest, told of the taking of 2,000 Italian prisoners and much booty in battles north of Kisra and Tepehli.)

A government spokesman, discussing the situation at the front, said the Italians were hastily throwing up a new defense line all along the front. His information, he said, came from prisoners.

DORZIA FALLS, GREEKS REAP

STRUGA, Yugoslavia, Feb. 5 (UPI).—Frontier reports said today that Greek troops have occupied Dorz, 18 miles south of Valona on the main Tepehli-Valona road.

Six British and Greek planes bombed Valona today. It was reported, and were attacked by Italian fighter craft. The Italians shot down one Blenheim bomber, it was said.

Pravda and Izvestia also carry articles wherein tribute is paid to

Voroshilov, along with his comrades-in-arms of the Civil War, by outstanding designers of Red Army armaments, who were assisted and encouraged in their work by the great proletarian army leader.

Every article in these papers

is permeated by a feeling of ardent love for the man who today—as was the case twenty-two years ago on the Tariatin front, where he worked side by side with Stalin—is tirelessly fighting for the victory of Socialism.

200 Families Beat France, Noted Catholic Reveals

Notre Dame University Prints Article by French Catholic Philosopher Who Admits Communists Fought for 'National Dignity' of the People

By OAKLEY JOHNSON

The Rightist parties and factory owners of France were responsible for her downfall before the armies of Nazi Germany last spring, according to a comprehensive 33-page article in an American Catholic quarterly, "The Review of Politics," January, 1941, published by the University of Notre Dame.

This truth has been maintained all along by the Communist press, and admitted a hundred times over in books and in the "public" bourgeois press. What makes this par-

manent character of the German menace."

Then came Hitler, and the first step of aggression on the part of both Hitler and Mussolini.

The Italian assault on Ethiopia brought into the open the attitudes and special interests of the Right: "In the Ethiopian conflict, all the Right Wing of the French Nation stood up like a single man against the League, against international law, against treaties signed by France, and supported the Italian aggression with a kind of feverish enthusiasm. . . . Such a fervent support, apparently given to the League, that the French people, and especially the Italian, had

REMAINED EFFECTIVE UP TO THE LIQUIDATION OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC." (Emphasis not Professor Simon's.)

Hence it was that the Rightists of French Big Business constituted the French nation's Fifth Column, the French nation's Trojan Horse.

"before the defeat of battle," the article emphasizes. "France had met defeat from within."

The national interests of a country are not betrayed by the country's workers, and least of all by the most advanced workers, those in the Communist Party, as the Daily Worker has more than once pointed out. The Communists have in mind the best interests of the workers of all countries, and they have no desire either for aggression against other peoples or be betrayed of their own. The French Communist Party defended France, and that is why the reactionaries, from Blum and Daladier to Petain and Laval, suppressed the Communist Party and continue to hunt down and jail its members.

Two Italian Ships Sunk, Athens Claims

Also Report Capturing 20,000 Prisoners Since War Started

BUDAPEST, Feb. 5 (UPI).—The Greek navy has torpedoed and sunk two Italian ships totalling 13,000 tons, according to a radio announcement from Athens tonight.

One of the ships was of 5,000 tons and the other was of 6,000 tons. The Athens radio did not disclose where the sinkings occurred.

GREEKS TAKE MANY PRISONERS, ATHENS SAYS

ATHENS, Feb. 5 (UPI).—Greek forces driving on the Albanian seaport of Valona and towards Italy's Berat base have seized "important positions," many prisoners and abundant war materials, a communiqué of the Greek High Command reported today.

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Ford Thuggery Against AFL Exposes Green's Attempt at Whitewash

Blackjack Squads Beat Dallas AFL Men with Approval of Dearborn Dictator, NLRB Decision Disclosed

By ADAM LAPIN

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—As CIO President Philip Murray pointed out, William Green has attempted to "stab in the back" the great drive of the United Automobile Workers to organize that citadel of the open shop, the Ford Motor Co.

But Green's bootlicking praise of Ford's labor policy as one which had permitted workers to join unions "without interference" was also a betrayal of thousands of AFL members.

It was in line, also, with the whole history of callous indifference to the organization of the automobile workers in general, and of the Ford workers in particular, which has characterized the history of the AFL executive council.

"Thousands of members of American Federation of Labor unions have been regularly employed by the Ford Motor Company inside its plants ever since it was established," Green said. "None of these employees were ever discriminated against by the management of the Ford Motor Company because of membership in American Federation of Labor unions."

To put it mildly, that statement was just not true. Moreover, it was a betrayal of thousands of Ford workers at Dallas, Texas and Kansas City, Missouri, who joined the AFL back in 1936 and 1937.

WHITEWASHES FORD

Those workers had joined up with the AFL in those years in spite of the refusal of the executive council to organize auto workers in any effective way. They experienced discrimination, discharges and in many cases actual physical violence because they dared to join an AFL union in a Ford plant. Now Mr. Green, who did not lift a real finger to encourage their organization, closes his eyes to the brutal record against them — and whitewashes Ford of the sluggings and tortures to which they were put.

The anti-union campaign of the Ford company against these AFL members was condemned in the strongest terms by the National Labor Relations Board.

Bill Green has apparently decided to forget all about these rulings by the Labor Board, to forget all about the AFL members who were hounded and beaten by Ford thugs.

While Green described the Ford labor policy in the most glowing terms, the Labor Board held less than six months ago that the treatment by the Ford company of AFL members in Dallas was simply "organized gangsterism."

The Labor Board found that an active attempt by the AFL locals to organize Ford's Dallas plant in the spring of 1937 was countered by a publicly proclaimed "war" against the union on the part of local company officials acting with the full approval of the high command at Dearborn.

Under the leadership of one "Pete" Perry the company organized an anti-union strong-arm squad. Perry admitted to the Labor Board that the purpose of this squad was "to put the fear of God" into workers who were thinking of joining the union.

EXTREME VIOLENCE

Members of the squad were supplied with blackjack which were manufactured in the plant, with whips, lengths of hog and similar weapons.

The Labor Board declared in its decision issued on August 9, 1940, that the conduct of this squad in dealing with union members or sympathizers was marked by "extreme violence, merciless beating, and banishment from Dallas by threats of immediate bodily harm."

One of the strong-arm men on the squad testified before the Labor Board that there were "25 or 30" cases in which methods of this kind were employed.

The Labor Board ordered the Ford company in Dallas to issue instructions to its thugs forbidding them to make, store, or carry in the plant blackjacks and other dangerous weapons and to fire or "otherwise penalize severely" any company stooges who violate this order by the Board.

In addition, the Board ordered the reinstatement of two AFL members fired for union activities and declared that the company should "afford all its employees and other persons lawfully employed on its premises adequate protection at all times at and about its Dallas plant from intimidation, physical assaults or threats of physical violence."

Only a few days ago, on Jan. 18, the Labor Board issued a strongly worded proposed decision attacking the discrimination by the Ford company against A. F. of L. members in the Kansas City plant.

The Labor Board found that the Ford company had discharged no less than 1,021 A. F. of L. members from this plant for union activity. It ordered the immediate reinstatement of 975 of the workers, and the reinstatement, upon application, of 46 others.

A drive by Local Union No. 249 of the UAW-AFL which started in January, 1937, resulted in a membership of 90 per cent of the eligible employees in the plant by September, according to the union records.

But two months later the company had succeeded in forcing practically all employees to join its Independent Union of Ford Workers, more commonly known as the Blue Card Union, on threat of discharge.

WORKERS WON'T FORGET

On September 17 Kansas City plant closed for a seasonal change of model, and the company decided to utilize this situation in order to smash the union.

The company announced on October 11 that its plant would be shut down "indefinitely," and the Blue Card Union officials publicly stated at the same time that "the plant would not reopen with the UAW and that employees could expect to return to work only through the Blue Card Union."

A short while before the plant shut down, the plant superintendent called together a group of supervisors and told them to "scatter the news" that the company was building a new plant in St. Louis and that a sizeable portion of the

Cleveland Auto Unionists Win Pay Increase

Raise, Vacations with Pay Follow Vote to Strike at Weatherhead Co.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 6.—After negotiations which followed a vote to strike, members of the CIO United Automobile Workers in the Weatherhead Manufacturing Company won a general wage increase of three cents an hour for 1,146 workers.

The contract was negotiated by Richard E. Reisinger, U. A. W. Regional Director, and was approved Sunday at a full meeting of Weatherhead workers.

GET VACATIONS

In addition to the wage increases, the contract calls for vacations with pay, from one day to two weeks based on seniority, sole bargaining rights, and individual wage adjustments for more than 300 workers. Mr. Reisinger said that the contract would be signed sometime this week.

The contract and its provisions will go into effect from December 2, 1940, when the old contract expired.

The final negotiations were made after the union found it necessary to vote for a strike to get their demands. On January 16, the Weatherhead workers voted to walkout if the company continued its stalling tactics on negotiations. Two days later, after no change in the attitude of the company, the union met and set a date for a walkout.

Federal Conciliator David T. Roadley worked on the negotiations.

The Weatherhead Company has a million dollar war contract with the government.

NEWARK, Feb. 5.—A membership meeting of the Furniture, Bedding and Allied Trades Union, Local 22, CIO, will be held Thursday, 8 P. M., at union headquarters, 180 William St., to install the newly elected officers. International President, Morris Muster, will be present to install the officers and also deliver a talk on the progress of the furniture workers in the CIO.

In a memorandum sent to all members of the Senate and Assembly at Albany, the International Labor Defense today urged defeat of the Coughlin criminal syndicalism bill, which is based on an Oklahoma statute.

The bill is directed not only at political minorities, but is aimed also at the destruction of the labor unions in the state, the memorandum said.

In a covering letter sent to the members of the state legislature, the I.L.D. said passage of the bill "would, we are convinced, be an act of contempt for the Constitution of the United States."

Copies of the memorandum, urging action to defeat the measure, were sent to the labor unions and many other organizations in the state, the I.L.D. said.

The memorandum said in part: "1—If enacted into law, the Coughlin bill could be used to destroy the labor unions of New York State."

"2—The bill is an attack upon the fundamental rights of all minorities."

"3—The bill imposes an uncon-



New Type of Autogiro: This new type of autogiro, shown taking off during a flight at Boeing Field, Washington, is being studied by officers of the United States Army Air Corps. The giro, able to hover in the air and to land in limited spaces, would be valuable in reconnaissance flights and behind-the-lines messenger service.

Dodd Demands Public Hearing on Budget

Hits Lehman's Proposal to Slash Social Services Under 'Defense' Cloak

(Continued from Page 1)

tend and participate in the hearings of February 12th.

Speaking time at the Feb. 12 hearing, Chairman Moffat of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee urged that the secretary of the committee be given by Saturday, Feb. 8, the following information from would-be speakers:

1. Organization to be represented.

2. Number and names of representatives desiring to speak for such organization.

3. What phase of budget or tax program they plan to speak on, and whether for or against.

4. Time desired.

Moffat added further:

"If any delegations or groups are planning to attend the hearing, it is requested that the approximate number of each group and the time of arrival be furnished our office so that as satisfactory seating arrangements as possible can be worked out. As the hearing will be held in the Assembly Chamber, very few seats will be available."

CIO Plans Mass Delegation to Albany

From five to ten thousand members of CIO unions from throughout New York state will converge on Albany Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12th, to conduct a mass protest against a number of union-busting legislative proposals and cuts in relief, education and other social service appropriations projected in the Governor's proposed budget, according to plans for the effects of inflation and the inevitable depression which follows a war economy boom.

"We note that the Governor makes no attempt to restore the tax on speculative profits equal to the tax on earned incomes. At a time when stock markets encourage speculation and gambling, the Governor makes no attempt to restore the capital gains tax to the full seven per cent rather than the present three and one half per cent.

WANT FREE DISCUSSION

"For these and other reasons we feel that it is imperative that full and free discussion be had on the budget. We must not allow the budget to be railroaded through under the illusion that both parties are unanimous in support of it. Nor must we allow social services to be slashed under the spurious smoke screen of national defense.

The best defense of this State lies in a budget openly arrived at after full and honest discussion. Such a budget must be one which frankly cuts out extravagance and graft, which is sensitive to the needs of the people and which places the tax burden upon those who are best able to pay."

Apparently flooded with requests from various interested groups for

the plan for the mass protest delegation was voted by the Council's Executive Board at a special session earlier this week and made public today by Joseph Curran, the Council's president. CIO unions in upstate New York have been contacted and some already have agreed to participate in the delegation, it was announced.

Special trains will be chartered and automobile motorcades organized for the Feb. 12 protest in Albany, it was announced.

Also to come before tonight's Council meeting are plans for a wide and intensive campaign by CIO members against passage of HR 1776 which the Council recently condemned as a threat of war, involvement and dictatorship.

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Jerome King Sentenced for Manslaughter

Foe of NMU and Agent
of Dies Gets 2-10 Years
in Seaman's Killing

Jerome (Madleros) King, killer and agent of the shipowners who was expelled from the National Maritime Union, CIO, received nearly the minimum sentence that could be imposed on him Tuesday in General Sessions for his part in the brutal slaying of Bruce Cameron, NMU member who was kicked to death on the waterfront Sept. 17. King, like William McQuiston, another spy of the shipowners who was recently acquitted of the murder of Phillip Carey in New Orleans, received the hearty support of the Dies Committee during his trial.

Convicted six weeks ago of first degree manslaughter in Cameron's death, King was sentenced to two and one half to ten years in Sing Sing Prison by Judge James G. Wallace.

With King were Thomas Harmon, 36, 478 W. 22nd St., and James Costello, 30, 428 West 22nd St. But they received sentences of five to 15 years from Judge Wallace.

Leading those who testified for King as character witnesses during his trial was Stephen W. Birmingham, chief investigator of the House Committee Investigating un-American Activities, the infamous Dies Committee.

It was brought out in the testimony that King had been "helpful" to the authorities in furnishing information concerning the NMU.

King, whose deals with thieves who plundered the NMU treasury, labor spies and shipowners who tried to smash the union during a baseball-bat drive in which notorious waterfront goons were employed, described himself during the trial as the leader of the "anti-Communist" faction within the union.

On the night Cameron was kicked to death King was on the waterfront and also on the receiving end of a dispute with a seaman. He left the waterfront and rounded up his partners Harmon and Costello, possibly another soon who was not arrested, and returned to renew hostilities.

Cameron had not been involved in the first fight, but King and his gang attacked him. Cameron, an autopsy showed, died of a broken neck and evidence was introduced in the trial to show that King had jumped on the victim's neck after he had been knocked down.

**Wis. Unions
Push Campaign
Against War Bill**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 5.—The Wisconsin labor movement continues to voice opposition to the Lease-Lend Bill. The Seaman Body local No. 75, United Automobile Workers, voted overwhelmingly against the bill. The Racine legislative committee of the CIO auto unions likewise declared against the bill as have the Garage Mechanics Union, and the Massey-Harris locals.

On Sunday the regional council of the UAW, embracing Wisconsin, Minnesota, and northern Illinois, went on record against the Lease-Lend Bill with only two votes dissenting. The conference of legislative committees of the Milwaukee County CIO unions last Sunday also went on record against the bill.

In addition, the CIO county legislative conference declared itself against the bill to introduce compulsory military training in the University of Wisconsin and in support of the bill introduced by Assemblyman Bergquist to repeal the reactionary Labor Relations Act passed by the last legislature.



22 Injured in Denver Locomotive Explosion: The twisted wreckage of a railroad car and the large Denver and Rio Grande Western R. R. locomotive which exploded here today pictured in the railroad yards. This is a Wire Photo.

Social Laws Parley Called In Wisconsin

4th Annual Legislative Conference to Be Held on Feb. 22

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 5.—Emphasizing the need for action to prevent passage of bills now before Congress which would restrict the rights of trade unions and plunge the nation into the imperialist war the Wisconsin State Conference on Social Legislation issued a call today for its fourth annual session.

The meetings are to start Feb. 22 in the Park Hotel, Madison.

The conference will provide an opportunity for discussion, information and education on legislation and the planning of a legislative program that will represent the needs of the people of Wisconsin, the peace of the American people, aid to the farmers, defense and improvement of the economic and social gains won by labor, youth and the unemployed," says the call.

REV. KNOX TO SPEAK

The purpose of the conference is to organize protests against legislation now before Congress and the state legislature that would place our country on a complete war basis, remove the guarantees of the Bill of Rights, cut off labor's right to strike and to organize, militarize the youth and increase the heavy burden of taxation on the common people."

Rev. Owen A. Knox, chairman of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, will make the opening address. Assemblyman Henry J. Bergquist will preside.

Foster to Speak At Philadelphia Lenin Memorial

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. Feb. 5.—Philip Frankfeld, state secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania heads the list of local speakers who will address the Lincoln-Lincoln-Douglas Memorial here on February 17th.

The rally, a mass demonstration by the people of this city for peace, jobs and security will be held in the 10,000 seated Market Street Arena, 45th and Market Street.

William Z. Foster, national Chairman of the Communist Party will be the principal speaker.

Laura Duncan, famous Negro soprano will sing; the Choristers, directed by Malcolm Poindexter will perform and the Peoples' Dance Group will appear in a well rounded program of entertainment.

Practically everybody has boiled eggs at least once or twice in a lifetime. Nearly all mothers cook eggs for their children every day, if they can afford to. Yet the person who knows how to boil an egg is fairly rare. The reason, probably, is that the process seems such an easy one—like boiling water, almost—that nobody bothers to learn how it should be done.

To boil eggs scientifically is worth the pains. They will be more tender and taste better, besides being easier to digest.

The first thing to remember is the importance of a slow, constant temperature. If you remember this rule, the whites will come out smooth as custard, instead of tough or stringy. So, to get a boiled egg just right, the idea is not to boil it at all, but to cook it just under the boiling point, or better yet, to put it in water just under the boiling point and let it congeal for about seven minutes as the water cools, that is to "coddle" it.

To cook an egg hard, put it in cold water, and heat till the water is just under the boiling point. Let it cook at this temperature for 30

South Dakota Calls on Congress to Aid Farmers

State Legislature Urges Federal Laws to Protect Farmers from Chaotic Conditions Caused by War; Charge Farm Laws Neglected

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 5.—The State Senate and House of this agricultural state have called formally on the Congress of the United States for federal legislation which will give to farmers a cost-plus price for their products.

The demand is embodied in a "Concurrent Resolution" that uses language stronger than any heard from an official state body since the days of the "mortgage moratorium" demonstrations in the Middle West.

"Whereas, we recognize that the American farmer is entitled to the American markets for his products to the full extent of his ability to supply that market on a cost-of-production basis, but the stubborn fact remains that the sum total of agricultural legislation up to the present time has brought neither parity prices nor parity income to our agriculture," says the resolution.

The two State houses go on to say: "And now we are menaced by a

new danger—another World War—which seems destined for a long time to close our foreign outlets"

"Farmers do not possess the devices of highly organized capitalist business," the resolution continues, "whereby prices may be fixed on the basis of cost-plus."

In its last paragraphs, the two houses call on the national congress to enact such legislation that will provide the essential elements of cost of production or parity."

The resolution was enacted here on Jan. 23, and was only recently submitted formally to the United States Congress at Washington.

PLATITUDES DONT CARE

And what does McCall propose to do about it? Nothing, other than fatten up our children with sugary platitudes and feed them to the defense plan which, after that, will continue printing its

The motion, if granted, would eliminate from the indictment many passages which the grand jury inserted as background for the purported conspiracy to violate the Sherman Act.

CIO Forms New Firemen's Union

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. Feb. 5.—Robert Weinstein, secretary-treasurer of District 3 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, this week announced the formation of a new C. I. O. union for Philadelphia firemen.

The local will be called the Firemen's Association, Local 282 of the SCMWA.

In announcing the formation of the union of city employees, Weinstein declared:

"This local was formed in order to promote general harmony in the fire department and to insure a maximum of efficiency to the Philadelphia taxpayer."

"This is a rank and file union which will serve the interests of all the members of the fire department. The organization is an outgrowth of the desire of many men in the fire department to affiliate with the Congress of Industrial Organizations."

Bomb Scare a Dud

The city's newest bomb scare blew up yesterday. Police were called yesterday when a suspicious-looking black bag was found in the Consolidated-Edison Co., 15th St. and Irving Place. Police doused the bag in a drum of oil, and on inspection found it contained basketball shoe,

trunks, jersey and other equipment.

The magazine reports that 85 per cent of our population is unable to afford medical care. Every year 25,000 children are left motherless when 10,000 women die needlessly in childbirth and from diseases due to pregnancy. Every year 120,000 tiny coffins are used, more than half of them for infants between the ages of two and twelve months. Every year 75,000 babies are stillborn and 70,000 die before they are a month old.

Diphtheria, malaria and smallpox can be reduced successfully to a minimum, yet 14,000 die of these scourges each year. These young lives have been spared but close to twenty million children are without medical services.

In the most advanced country in the world, we treat our children

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Now They Admit Nation's Kids Are in Poor Health

McCall Magazine, After Years of Silence of Plight of Country's 'One-Third,' Now Wants to Fatten Them Up for Wall Street's 'Defense' Purposes

By Sally Manners

Rarely does one of the women's magazines let down its hair and admit of a world not pictured between its glossy pages. In the arena of women's publications, the outlook of every woman, young and old, at work or at leisure, is purported to be one of juicy recipes, refined romance, helpful hints, luxurious homes or advice to the lover.

The hot and cold of worldly experience is a blank page to the women readers as far as the editors are concerned. To them, American women live in the comfortable dream world of their husband's substantial salaries. If there are women who fail to fall into this category, they just don't count.

And because this theme is so far from the exact, we occasionally find a horrible, but truthful fact tucked in somewhere between a recipe divined to water the mouth of a glutton and a reproduction of one of Mrs. Garrison William's thousand dollar gowns.

In the current issue of McCall, the editors have declared their intention to serve the defense program by serving up the women and children first. Taking up the cudgels for the youth of this land, the editors present some hard-raisin facts but never admit that the children of the land, the 45,000,000 of them, are the original one-third of a nation, ill-housed, ill-clad and ill-educated.

McCall blithely reports that ten million children have defective eyesight More than a million and a half school children have faulty hearing Two-thirds of all our children need dental care Nearly a million children of elementary age are not in school today In twenty-five states, the counties with the most children have the lowest living standards and the least money to spend on schools Three out of four babies in tenement houses have rickets from lack of sunshine, clean air and family diet.

A NATION IN SHACKS

Where do America's children live?

In the cities, towns and farm sections of America, more than 36 per cent of our total housing is substandard.

Half of the nation's children live in rural and farm houses, most of which are slum houses without conveniences or improvements of any kind.

In Montana 79 per cent of the houses consist of one or two rooms for an entire family.

Records show that three out of four children living in New York City tenements live in city dwellings. Out of the five million city dwellings, 15 per cent are without toilets, 20 per cent without baths, this in the richest city in the world.

Our children fare little better in the schools. Over 90 per cent of the schools are in rural districts; two-thirds of these rural schools have only one room. Average expenditure for each child for education is \$83.87. For the Negro child in the South it is little more than \$14. Schools are overcrowded, obsolete. One out of every six teachers in a rural school is a beginner. Teachers generally are poorly paid. Educational standards are miserably low.

These are our children, 43,000,000 of them. They need better health facilities, home facilities, housing and school facilities. Mostly, they need greater happiness facilities. Those who shout "defend" loudest have kept these children underprivileged longest.

McCall has been conscientious enough to say that the children of America are "the last line of defense." To the people, children are the first line of defense. There can be no real defense program without a happy, healthy youth.

Fur Council Calls Members To Hear Report

Negotiators to Report on Conferences With the Employers

The Furriers' Joint Council set a general membership meeting of all fur workers engaged in the manufacturing next Monday 5 P.M. at Manhattan Center, 34th St. & Eighth Ave., to hear a report on negotiations.

Conferences between the union and manufacturers have been on during the week every day and are expected to continue.

The union's leaflet, calling the membership meeting, declared that "to date the bosses have not taken a single step in the direction of reaching a peaceful settlement."

"The bosses insist on their unlimited right to discharge workers after the season," continues the leaflet. "They refuse to recognize the demands of the union to introduce a system of responsibility towards the workers, a system which has been recognized as the only human, practical one in every industry."

"Will the bosses really force a strike on the union?"

At the Manhattan Center meeting, says the union's call "the maneuvers of the bosses will be made clear, and all plans to meet every possible development will be worked out."

The principal demand of the union, and No. 1 on the list of 18, is "no discharge for the life of the contract." At present the employers have a right to hire and rehire as they please between seasons.

The present pact covering 18,000 in the four main manufacturing crafts, expires Feb. 15.

Brief Strike at Radio Plant Brings Results

A stoppage of an hour and a half halted production at the Lafayette Radio Co., 100 Sixth Ave., yesterday morning, when the company refused to meet a committee of Local 420, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers CIO. Work by the 20 workers was resumed when the company agreed to negotiate a pact.

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Out Today

MEN WHO BOSS HITLER

by G. S. Jackson

A detailed, thoroughly documented analysis of German capitalism showing how it has strengthened its throttle-hold on German economy. This article traces the centralization and concentration of capital under the fascist dictatorship and exposes the forces behind the Nazi political bureaucracy.

Defeat the Schemes to Reduce Your Standard of Living

"The government must adopt a money policy which will effectively reduce the standard of living of the individual American citizen if the defense program is to be financed without inflation, according to O. M. W. Sprague, retiring as Professor of Banking and Finance in the Harvard Business School, former adviser to the Bank of England and to the United States Treasury."—News Item, New York Times, Feb. 5.

Through the mouths of professors, Big Business lets out the truth about its plans

for the milking of the people. The worthy "former adviser to the Bank of England" says that if there is not "orderly reduction in the standard of living" there will be disorderly reduction through "inflation."

This is a bald declaration that the "defense" program is to be financed at the cost of the people. The enormous profits piled up by the corporations and the enormous re-

serves already in existence are to be untouched. Through taxes and attempted wage cuts, the costs of "defense" are to be taken out of the hides of the workers.

What Professor Sprague says in one way, Mrs. Roosevelt hastens to broadcast in another. Speaking Tuesday to the National Christian Mission in Washington, she recommended that the workers put their "wage

rises" into "defense financing." This she gave as an example of "long-range thinking."

The real thinking that the workers can do, both short-range and long-range, is along the lines of expressing their determination that Big Business shall be taxed heavily and that the workers shall not be the victims of wage-cutting or tax-bearing. They can also realize, out of such utterances as those of

Sprague and Mrs. Roosevelt, that the entire "defense" program has for its objective—as this paper has said over and over again—to beat down the living standards of the people.

Movements on a wider scale, to win better wages and conditions and thus offset the rising cost of living, are the replies that the workers can fling back at these schemes to reduce their living standards.

Proper Reply to Green's Try at Union-Smashing

CIO officials in charge of the Ford organizing campaign have given the proper reply to the splitting move of William Green.

They have intensified their drive, and have signalized this step by a further letter to the corporation insisting upon collective bargaining rights for the CIO—based upon membership of the majority of the employees in the Dearborn, Lincoln and Highland Park plants.

That is the real way to meet the strike-breaking of Mr. Green—with a continued dynamic campaign which likewise brings forward the economic demands of the Ford workers.

What the AFL officialdom is trying to pull off in this case is nothing new. When the big steel organizing campaign got under way, under CIO auspices, John Frey of the AFL Metal Trades Department made a flying trip to Pittsburgh to "take in" the defunct company union of the United States Steel Corporation. In the critical hours of the General Motors crisis in 1938, it was William Green who sought to defeat the workers with his finaglings behind the scenes with the GM management.

Time after time, in the basic industries, the AFL officials have sought to perform the service of company personnel men—seeking to create confusion in the ranks of the workers as the CIO drives demonstrated their success.

What effect could Bill Green expect to have in his sudden interest in the Ford workers except to divide the workers and defeat all unionism in Ford's? The AFL officialdom has never demonstrated one serious iota of interest in organizing the plants of the baron of Dearborn. It is only after the CIO has shown that it has won the majority of the men in those plants that Green pops into the picture, with his preposterous claim that the AFL should represent the men and with his false statements in praise of the strike-breaking and slugging Ford concern. Green's is an attempt at union-smashing and nothing else.

The Ford workers are not unaware of these things. They will proceed to enroll themselves in that union which has fought their battles and which has demonstrated its strength in the automobile industry. The CIO itself, understanding this full well, can be encouraged to spur on its drive. The complete organization of Ford's, under its banner, will be one of the greatest victories that organized labor has ever won in this country.

The 'No-But' Opposition to H.R. 1776

Knowing that the people do not want the war and dictatorship of H.R. 1776, a certain group of persons is pretending that they are opposed to the measure. Actually, there is an easy way to see through this false opposition. No matter how much they say "we are in favor" of course, of all aid to Britain short of war."

This is what the Republican minority declared in the House Committee the other day. This is what the Landon Republicans out in the State legislature of Kansas said. There are many other examples. Norman Thomas, for example. "Ham" Fish, and others.

But this is the crucial point. The war-dictatorship Bill is the outgrowth of the "aid-to-Britain" policy. The aid-to-Britain policy is based on the theory that the American people have a stake in war between the British empire and its imperialist rival, Hitler Germany. (As if the welfare of the working people can be advanced by choosing this or that division of colonial plunder, instead of fighting all colonial oppression).

Once this false propaganda is accepted, then the whole unfolding of the war program becomes difficult to combat.

The real mistake, the real source of the war danger, arises in the original aid-to-Britain violation of strict neutrality.

To pretend an "opposition" to the war-dictatorship Bill while giving full support to the "aid-to-Britain" mistake is really to give backhanded support to the march toward war. At best, it is short-sighted; at its worst, it is hypocrisy.

To those Americans who did not see at the beginning that the aid-to-Britain policy was merely the start of a march toward war and dictatorship (as the Communists warned), the lesson should now be plain. The aid-to-Britain was the seed; the sweeping war drive of H.R. 1776 is the fruit.

What Mrs. Roosevelt's Real Concern Is

Mrs. Roosevelt's refusal to speak at the forthcoming meeting of the American Youth Congress in Washington was, in effect, an attack upon the united efforts of young people to secure jobs and opportunity.

She, of course, tried to cover up with none-too-subtle hints of red-baiting. But the real reason for her refusal was revealed unwittingly in a press interview with her reported last Tuesday:

"Mrs. Roosevelt admitted that it was difficult for an organization with Negro and white delegates to find a place to meet and eat in the nation's capital, but she indicated she was not concerned with the problem."

She certainly has a callous way of displaying interest in the welfare of young people. The youth, however, are vitally concerned with wiping out the stench of the slave market which pervades Washington: for that disgraceful situation is an obstacle to the progressive aspirations of all young people. Mrs. Roosevelt's real concern is in selling Mr. Roosevelt's war program which means disaster and enslavement for the youth.

The Ominous Shadow Of William C. Bullitt

The ominous shadow of Ambassador Bullitt hung over the latest testimony on the war powers bill.

Appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, former Governor LaFollette recounted a conversation he had with former Premier Daladier of France in the early part of 1939. He had asked the Premier, he said, what France expected of the United States in the event of a European war.

"He replied without a moment's hesitation that they expected money, materials and men," said Mr. LaFollette, "and he added that 'we are going to need them and expect them soon.'"

This testimony shed new light on the charges that have been made from time to time that Bullitt used his influence as U. S. ambassador to France, to disrupt the Franco-Soviet Pact, and to perpetrate the Munich betrayal of Czechoslovakia. With his intrigues for a four-power pact to wage war against the Soviet Union, Bullitt was thus instrumental in helping destroy the movement for collective security in Europe and in bringing on the present war.

Bullitt's hand was also seen in the betrayal of France when the French people threatened to take power at the time of the Nazi invasion. Dispatches to the N. Y. Times at the time, indicated that Bullitt was actively engaged in preventing a defense of the city of Paris and in surrendering it to the Nazis.

Throughout all this, Bullitt was, and still is, the emissary of President Roosevelt. Bullitt's activities in sabotaging collective security expose the guilt of the Roosevelt Administration in bringing on the present imperialist war.

The Threat of Prison Labor

The latest wrinkle in "national defense" is a proposal by the Herald Tribune to use prison labor.

For years the trade union movement has fought against the use of prison labor to undermine labor standards and has obtained legislative safeguards in most states. But now the Herald Tribune sees a chance to repeal these laws under the guise of "defense."

The hypocrisy behind the Tribune's proposal is revealed by the fact that instead of there being a labor shortage, as that paper pretends, some 9,000,000 unemployed are seeking work.

The Tribune's real interest in prison labor lies in the possibility of using it to break down labor standards, thereby making the entire labor movement a prisoner of sweatshop conditions.

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BLOW TO JIM-CROW



by Ellis

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

AN EDITORIAL BY RALPH TIMEPIECE

[Suggested by those chatty, confidential pro-war editorials by the editor of PM.]

Everything that I think of, I tell my readers. Sometimes I tell even before I think. For you and I are such close friends and have no secrets from one another.

Like the other morning. I was drinking my coffee (two lumps—how about you?) when I said to myself: "Ralph, old boy, are you in favor of the United States entering the war?" I was quite taken off my guard by my question, but recovering my poise I replied casually, "Why, of course." "What a coincidence!" I replied to myself, "so am I." Meeting someone who shared my own views so early in the day was quite a thrill because I know that most people disagree with me on the war issue.

I was quite disarmed by my own frankness. "Really, Ralph," I said to myself, "if you are so honest and above-board with me on the war, it is difficult for me to distrust you." (That is the wonderful thing about frankness, isn't it?)

I thought that I had finished with the war question and was about to take a second cup of coffee (only one lump this time because a little sugar from the first cup is still at the bottom) when a serious note struck me. "Ralph," I said to myself, "if we should go to war, wouldn't you lose a lot of readers?" What a strange question, I thought inwardly. "How so?" I asked myself. "Why, look at all your readers who would end up in the trenches, Ralph, and I mean end."

Now isn't that strange? Sometimes we are so taken up with the little details that we lose sight of some mighty important and vital aspects. For a moment I felt rather sober and I ate my toast without marmalade. But then I pulled myself together. "Hang it all," I said to myself with a wry smile. "If you're for entering the war, Ralph, you'll just have to take the bad along with the good—even if it does mean losing thousands of fine, upstanding young American nickeliks."

Well, those were my thoughts and I jotted them down here for what they are worth. If you disagree, just say so—if you can find a couple of old newspaper presses around somewhere. RALPH TIMEPIECE.

DETROIT.

A Negro minister speaking to his church here on H.R. 1776 said: "The bill will kill what little we have left of democracy. But we are told not to worry too much because the undertaker agrees to report on the condition of the corpse every 90 days."

OIL

Oil in the West and oil in the East
Oil for Britain and for Japan
Oil for ships and oil for planes
Oil to set whole cities in flames
Our sons will die for rubber and gold
On the stock exchange their lives will be sold
While profiteers fight for foreign oil
All for

Oil

Oil

The rich grow richer on oil to Japan
The poor grow poorer to the last dead man
In Indonesia our sons will die
And drenched by American oil will die
While Standard Oil is shipped to Japan
And Royal Dutch Shell the fires will fan
The oil corporations reap profits royal
And the payoff is

Oil

Oil

On Jan. 29, the N. Y. Times reported a profit for United States Steel of \$102,181,321 for 1940—a gain of 148 1/2 per cent over the previous year. On Jan. 30, the financial editor of the Times reported that "generally, Wall Street took the United States Steel earnings report without much flinching."

What fortitude!

DEE.

A violent dispute is raging over whether or not the Duchess of Windsor had her face lifted. But one thing is certain: the Bahamas and the rest of the Empire's possessions were all originally lifted.

The main war aim of every imperialist government is to keep its people from discovering its war aims.

It is rumored that the new model favored by Henry Ford will be Green.

S. B.

Letters From Our Readers

Use Text of 'Daily' for 'Information Please' Sketches

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

First, let me state that after an enforced vacation from our paper for one month, I find it more refreshing, honest and more meaty than ever before. All power to our paper, now and forever.

We have had a lot of fun with the Daily here late. We find it an interesting way to play "Information Please," using the paper as our text. However, it has been suggested by a person who has only just begun to read the paper, and who incidentally shares my enthusiasm for it, that the editors work on this idea. The interest in crossword puzzles has never quite waned, and it is his idea that the Daily have a crossword puzzle every day. However, this puzzle should differ from all other crossword puzzles in that

through the working of them a reader will glean a pretty good working knowledge of Communism. The idea strikes me as being a pretty good one, and I trust you will be able to do something about it.

Yours for a bigger and better paper!

S. B.

Wants 'Soviet Power'
Distributed by Millions

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just finished reading the Dean of Canterbury's book, "The Soviet Power." The book is so interesting and inspiring that I could not put it down until I had finished reading it.

An edition for sale distribution of 100,000 is ready. I understand. That number is merely a drop in the bucket. It should be put out by the millions. A.O.

CHANGE THE WORLD



Dorothy Thompson Frightens
Mark Sullivan with Her
'Red Socialist' Propaganda

By MIKE GOLD

A SPECTER is haunting Mark Sullivan. This rotund old champion of the Cannibal System has been reading Dorothy Thompson too faithfully, and evidently believes every word she utters. She frightens him. She predicts that "it is highly probable that Great Britain will emerge from the war as some form of socialist economy . . ." Furthermore, she seems jubilant as any Marat over the prospect. In a voice that suggests the tumbrils and the guillotine to the old, male Marie Antoinette of the Herald Tribune, she cries that she is glad, glad, glad!

"Nowhere in the world today will the masses of workers give their full powers to the tasks for the sake of profit to a limited class," she says. "That is an inexorable fact . . .

Mr. Sullivan wants Congress to investigate all this immediately. Since our Congress, he says, is, in effect, about to underwrite British victory, it is reasonable to know whether "authoritative persons in Britain" have secret war aims which "include socialism for Britain."

Whither are we drifting? With Dorothy Thompson, that Red Under the Bed of the Herald Tribune? But Mr. Sullivan does not threaten as yet to take steps. First, he wants a new Dies Committee to investigate England. If it finds, however, any traces of socialism there, then one presumes, Sullivan will be free to come out with the usual appliers' slogan, "Bettie Hitler than Stalin! No Aid to a Working Class England!"

There is something comical, of course, in the spectacle of an old Tyro shivering with fear lest Dorothy Thompson and her British counterparts start a revolution against the Cannibal System.

There is something just as ludicrous in the spectacle of the Dorothy Thompson of this war spouting, preaching, slinging the promise of "socialism-after-the-war" around as freely as any Aimee MacPherson distributing choice building lots in Heaven to her faithful flock.

The Mark Sullivans understand the necessity of this sort of organized propaganda of large promises as little as they did the New Deal promises of Roosevelt the reformer. Mr. Roosevelt was never a Communist or advocate of socialism. He was a liberal trying to save the Cannibal System from its own dangerous defects. A liberal is only a stream-lined modern Tory. Mr. Roosevelt is such a Liberal Cannibal. Miss Thompson is another. They are as faithful to the Cannibal system as Mr. Sullivan. But they are more intelligent; because they are closer to the people than the Marie Antoinettes of the Union League Club. Liberals know that the People are a force in history-making. The Tories never know or acknowledge such a fact.

Most of this new movement of "after-the-war socialism" consists of the same old bundle of carrots dangled before the proletarian mules to make them work, suffer and die for the masters.

It is a sign, however, that this war is starting on a different plane than the last that immense hopes and promises have to be held out before the People. The ante has been raised.

In the last war, the British people needed only to be promised to find their old jobs waiting for them, under the same class-system.

Undoubtedly, there is a strong and growing feeling among the British people that the enormous sacrifices demanded from them deserve enormous compensation. This is a new feeling that has gradually evolved since the last Cannibal war.

So if one part of Miss Thompson's "after-the-war-socialism" is merely the usual high-class liberal hokum for moving the masses, another part is made up of the same fear that moves Mark Sullivan.

It is as an antidote and preventative of the danger of "socialism now" that "socialism by-and-by" is always presented.

What in the world is Mark Sullivan so scared of? If and when socialism comes to England, (as it must) the Dorothy Thompsons will be the drummer-boys of the American army sent to crush it.

Prokofieff's Classical Symphony, WNYC at 12

Music and ballet celebrates program's fourth anniversary over WQXR at 10 P.M. Adventures in Science over WABC at 3:45. Eastman School Symphony Orchestra heard on WJZ at 9 P.M. Fannie Brice on WEAF at 8 . . . Midday Symphony features Prokofieff's Classical Symphony over WNYC at noon.

7:30-WNYC—Sunrise Symphony
7:30-WNYC—Bachata Symphony
8:00-WEAR—News WABC—News
8:00-WOR—Trans-Radio News
8:30-WMCA—News WHN—U.S. News
8:45-WJZ—Richard Leibert, Organist
8:45-WNYC—News
8:45-WOR—Woman's Page of the Air
8:45-WNYC—Second News from New York Today with Hal Halpern
WQXR—A.P. News
9:00-WNYC—Sports News
WNYC—Woman of Tomorrow
WNYC—Masterwork Hour, Beethoven
Quartet in F Major
WNYC—News
WQXR—Composers Hour
9:15-WABC—American School of the Air.
9:15-WNYC—"The Last Night"
WNYC—Ovangelian, Guitars
9:30-WMCA—Food Forum
9:30-WNYC—News
9:30-WNYC—Book Club
9:45-WNYC—Edward MacHugh, the
Dancer
10:15-WNYC—Chamber Music
WNYC—Deep River Boys
10:30-WNYC—News
WQXR—Concert
10:45-WQXR—Waltz Melodies
11:00-WMCA—Ida Bailey, Men's Woman's
11:15-WNYC—Sports News
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• PERSONAL**• But Not Private**

By DAVE FARRELL

Davis Throws 'Em in for Star Yankee, Cub Rookies

LOS ANGELES.—I'd better get this piece written today because tomorrow, Sloan's Liniment (free advt.) to the contrary, I know I'm going to regret my activity of this afternoon. But the sun has been out, the thermometer has been around the 80 degrees mark. And the sap was beginning to flow. And it started giving me ideas. Ideas like it's time to start writing again, writing baseball.

Even in the cap press of Southern California, where said cap press is at its worst, a little baseball is trickling onto the sports pages. And so the paper is readable, or a guy whose passions are devoted to baseball and football, January is a tough month. True there is basketball. But it's not for me. It's like the story of the guy who walked into a delicatessen, stood before a slab of hot pastrami and asked, "Is it any good?"

The delicatessen-keeper deep in a feuilleton, probably "The Heart of a Widow," looked up angrily and snarled, "For who likes it, it's good!" That's the way basketball is with me. For them as likes that kind of a sport, that's the kind of a sport they like.

I saw a couple of ball games over the week-end and worked out with about \$150,000 worth of ivory. Good games too. I saw Lou Stringer play with a pick-up team of major and minor leaguers, get beaten by USC 3-2 in ten innings. But our Mr. Stringer made the most unusual play I've ever seen. With a man on first, for some reason, the first sacker wasn't holding the man close. The hitter poked one through the slot between first and second. How Louie got to the ball at all I'll never know but he did, made a stop and flipped the ball off-balance to the first baseman, playing deep who threw the ball to the shortstop, forcing the man going down to second. The runner must have been slow I'll admit, but the play was a sensation. And Stringer's stop was so sensational I was sorry a movie camera hadn't caught it.

Right then and there I decided that I had to do a piece about him. So between innings I braced him and asked him for the lend of his scrap-book. Matt Gallagher, Angel press agent, told me that Louie's mother had been keeping a book on the boy, from childhood. I made a date for this morning. But when I came around for it, his Ma told me that Louie had forgotten his date but I could find him at a playground near by.

I went over to the playground, thereby making a great mistake. I should have conned his mother out of the scrap-book and gone home. But I didn't. And after tracking down the Cubs' sensational rookie infielder, I found I made a bum deal. Stringer said I could have the book on one condition. He had three other fellows with him and they wanted somebody to pitch batting practice to them. Could I throw a ball as far as the plate? I could and I did. And tomorrow I suppose it will be "Oy!"

The other three fellows were Yankee Gerald Priddy, half of that sensational team of Priddy and Rizzuto, Johnny Berardino of the St. Louis Browns, and a kid named Ed Stewart. Stringer said I could have the book on one condition. He had three other fellows with him and they wanted somebody to pitch batting practice to them. Could I throw a ball as far as the plate? I could and I did. And tomorrow I suppose it will be "Oy!"

I got the scrap-book all right, and I'll tell you about Stringer in a couple of days, when I've recovered from the war. But I was pretty much interested in Priddy's analysis of what the Yankee infield will look like. To begin with he like the rest of us is baffled. He threw no raps at anybody. But he was pretty insistent on the notion that he and Phil Rizzuto should not be split up, a notion to which most of us submit. After all, they did burn up the Association for a couple of years at Kansas City, setting all sorts of records for the double play. When I pointed out that Joe Gordon is acknowledged the best second sacker in the business, Priddy shrugged his shoulders, agreed with me, and suggested that Joe might be moved over to third.

I pointed out that the throw to first might be too long for him. Berardino countered, "Not a bit, Joe's got a swell arm and what's more he has played a lot of shortstop before going over to the key spot."

I pointed out that Rolfe might very well be back in shape, that after all one bad year doesn't run him off the club. And that previously he had been credited with being the best third sacker in the business. To this I got a yell, "But he's 32 years old!" This was a crime to them. Old Man Berardino, who won't be 24 until May Day, was the Patriarch, with Stewart being 22 and the kids 21 each. (Stringer pointed out with great glee that Billy Herman, his competition, was 33.)

Somebody started the notion that Gordon could play 1st, and on that terrible thought, I got away in a hurry, and garnered up the scrap-book. Mighty, mighty soon, I'll tell you a little about Louie Stringer.

CCNY Tracksters Prepping for Met

City College's track squad is taking daily workouts on the N. Y. U. track in preparation for the Metropolitan Intercollegiate meet, being held next Wednesday in the Coliseum. Coach Tony Orlando has been clocking the boys and predicts that Negro Clifford Goldstein, formerly of De Witt Clinton, will be among the first few in the mile. Co-

FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

Look for a fellow who's played the game
Whose swive hips have brought him fame.

Get the headlines to burst his name
And that's the coach for Notre Dame.

Captains David Polansky and Richard DiMarino and junior Lou Cantor, brother of former Beaver captain, Sam Cantor, are the men upon whom rest City's chances.

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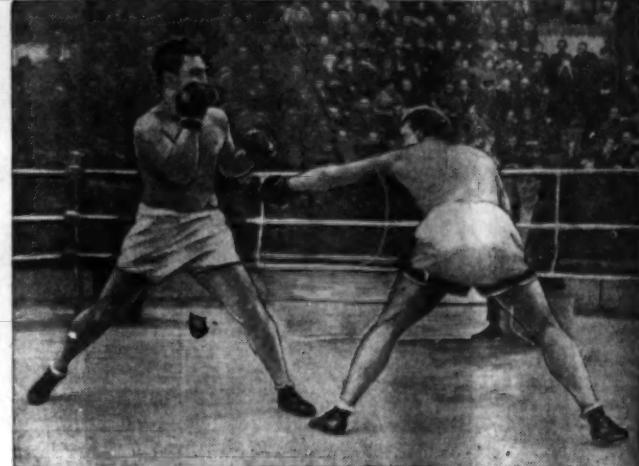
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SPORTS

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1941

BOXING CHAMPS CLASH IN U.S.S.R.

The heavyweight champions of the Estonian and Georgian Republics of the Soviet Union recently clashed in the capital of the former. Navasardov, Georgian champ, won the decision in what was described as a thrilling and skillful bout and will go on in the elimination tourney to decide a new All Union champ. All boxers have trades, which they resume as soon as they leave the ring.

LEONARD vs. TENDLER!

BENNY LEONARD, right, and Lew Tendler, raise each others hands in token of "victory" at the end of a three-round exhibition bout in Philadelphia. Leonard, as champ, fought a series of thrilling duels with Tendler years ago. Benny, through financial dures, had to come back to the ring in later years, long after retiring. But this bout was just a playful exhibition.

Soose Faces Hardest Hitting Middle Tom'w

VIGH IS A REAL BETTER—BUT CLASSY BILLY HAS HANDLED ALL TYPES SUCCESSFULLY

Ernie Vigh and Billy Soose, two middleweights with a weather eye cocked at Ken Overlin's crown, are making their last preparations today for tomorrow night's bout at Madison Square Garden. They limbered up at Stillman's gym yesterday.

Fast and clever, Billy, "uncrowned middleweight champion," is favored to dispose of his opponent, but he probably won't have an easy time.

With 36 kayoes marking his 52 professional contests, Vigh is probably the hardest hitter among the 160-pounders. Soose will find that the Newburgh youth, recent conqueror of Coley Welch, never takes a backward step, and that he is a dynamic puncher who is extremely powerful.

Billy, of course, is no slouch himself. He outboxed Tami Maurillo for a decisive win in his Garden debut seven weeks ago, and is one of the classiest performers the middleweight division has boasted in years.

Vigh's father still is employed in Newburgh, N. Y., brickyards. The senior Vigh emigrated from Hungary, to his credit, Soose can point to his past superiority not only to boxers, but to heavyweights as well. Zale carries big guns, but Soose disposed of him much more easily than he did the clever Overlin, who was the victim of a much-disputed decision.

Boxing men who are backing Soose against Vigh believe that he can duplicate his victory over Zale against the 32-year-old knockout star tomorrow night.

Both principals are typical working class youths. Soose was at Penn State for a while, working his way through college, but left after two years to fight professionally under the managerial direction of Paul Moss. Billy had more than 100 amateur battles.

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COURT NOTES**Temple Loses Only Close Ones—Rams to Test CCNY**

Temple went out to Peoria, Ill., Tuesday night and dropped another one of those close heartbreakers, this one to Bradley Tech, 48-45. All four of the Owl's defeats have been within that three-point range, the others being two to Michigan State, and one to Georgetown. The defeats have probably cost them a bid to the March Tourney, but they'll be out to louse up NYU when they come in here later this month.

Touring Wake Forest, which was licked by the Olbrach AA, dropped another to Villanova AA, 50-33 at Philly. Out on the Coast, Oregon, which lost to LIU here early in the season, nipped the favored Washington five to take the lead in the Northern Division of the race. Stanford is tops down South, without an Indiana man on the team.

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Parker, who was to have had a chance in baseball this year as a rookie short-stop with the Pittsburgh Pirates, had been undecided which career to follow.

Dan Topping, Brooklyn football owner, announced at a luncheon that Parker had decided in favor of football. Under terms of the contract, Parker can play baseball—but he must quit that game on Aug. 15 in order to report for football practice.

It was not known whether Pittsburgh would accept Parker under those conditions or would give him his unconditional release.

Topping said that "Parker today becomes one of the highest paid players in professional football."

Schumacher Signs
Veteran pitcher Hal Schumacher has signed his contract for 1941, the New York Giants announced yesterday. Schumacher won 13 and lost 13 last year and had 3.25 earned run average.

Dodger Fans Rub Hands for Giant Opening**'Let Us at Those Second Division Bums,' Say They**

The National League season will open with a bang as far as Brooklyn is concerned as the Giants come into Ebbets Field for a three-game series on April 15, 16 and 17.

In past years the coming of the haughty Giants brought fear and trembling to the advocates of the hopeful but futile Brooklyn. This year the Flatbush fans are already rubbing their hands together in anticipation of blasting the Terry men regularly, for the Dodgers shape up as number 2 team in the league, with a chance for the flag, while the fading Giants loom as a second division certainty.

Other opening games find possibly improved Philadelphia, Pittsburgh's none too well balanced Bucs at Chicago, where all eyes will be on Louie Novikoff, and the champs at home to the St. Louis Cards. It's a league that could stand a good injection of the Negro stars to make 1941 the best race ever. The gap between the top and the bottom is going to be terrific, and many baseball men think the gap between Cincinnati and the rest of the league will be pretty big in itself.

**Opening Day
N. L. Schedule**

APRIL 15
Boston at Philadelphia
New York at Brooklyn
Pittsburgh at Chicago
St. Louis at Cincinnati

APRIL 16
Brooklyn at Boston
Philadelphia at New York
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Chicago at St. Louis

A Slight Setback

A campaign to build up big Abe Simon, slumby 260-pounder, as an "opponent" for Joe Louis suffered a rather embarrassing hitch the other night when Simon ran into Leon Thompson in Pittsburgh in one of his "warmup matches." Thompson, Negro sparmate of Louis, won the decision handily. Well, anyhow, maybe Simon will qualify as a sparmate for the champ.

Fans who remember the consistent refusals of the owners to

Squawks on Ruling, But Not From Players

Moguls Looking for Way Out of Decree That Stops the Optioning of Players Who Are Ready for Big Time

There's opposition today to Judge Landis' decree that minor leaguers purchased by a major league club cannot be optioned unless waivers from all other big league teams are first obtained.

There's opposition—but it doesn't come from the players. The National League owners are squawking. They decided yesterday to appoint a committee "to arrange a practical solution of the problem that will prove more equitable to the club owners as well as to the players' rights."

Judge Landis' ruling hits the big chain system operators—the Cardinals, Dodgers, and Reds—in their pocketbooks. That's why they're looking for more "practical solutions."

Even the owners, meeting at the New Yorker Tuesday, had to admit that Landis' move was a break for the players. No more can teams option players three times, shunted them back and forth from one "farm" to another, and thus deprived them of a chance to make the grade with some other major league club.

The wealthy owners complain that Landis' decree endangers expensive "investments" in minor league talent. They believe that if they spend \$30,000, for example, on a minor leaguer, they should have the right to option him for several seasons if he doesn't fit into their schemes at once.

Under the new ruling, expensive "property" can now be purchased by the clubs at the waiver price of \$7,500 if the original purchaser decides that said expensive property doesn't fit into the team's plans that year. That will be a great break for the weaker clubs and for the players, while cracking to some extent the monopoly on talent maintained by the wealthier organizations.

That's why they're squawking. That's why such papers as the Herald-Tribune and New York Times, as usual, are taking the side of the magnates against the players.

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Not All Of Us, Mr. Meany

Bob Feller's courageous defense of his Cleveland Indian teammates at the baseball writers' dinner was a further blow at the legend of the "Cry Babies" that was started by the scribes.

In admitting that in a recent column, however, Tom Meany, PM's columnist, said that all the writers had made the same mistake in regard to the players.

Not all, Mr. Meany. The Daily Worker pointed out from the first that the players were perfectly justified in organizing against Oscar Vitt. But only now are the other papers beginning to admit what was always obvious to sports writers and fans who see things from the viewpoint of the players.

Include us out, Mr. Meany!

admit Negroes into the majors are probably not falling for their protests. Landis' decree helps to break the monopoly of the wealthier teams to some extent. But ending the Jim Crow ban would be a much better—and even more popular—step in that direction.

Watch the other tycoons apply it whenever contracts return unsigned. It seems that ballplayers are always the best in the world until they demand more money—a demand which rules the owner more than a lost ball game.

It seems that the football club owners never gave Elmer Layden permission to rule them as Czar of pro football. Well, who ever heard of anybody giving a Czar permission to rule? It seems that Storch didn't bring him. Carl Storch is President of the National League and a figurehead.

For three one minute rounds in Philadelphia the other day Benny Leonard, and Lew Tendler attempted to reenact their epic combat in the squared circle. No longer lightweights both batters were fat and paunchy as they wheezed through the marked contrast to the 12 round bout in which Leonard talked Tendler out of a knockout so many years ago. With their ability gone the only thing both carried into the ring from that historic battle was the tongue and the ears which will always be remembered by fistie landom.